

Remarks

Reexamination and reconsideration of the rejections are hereby requested.

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application and claims 1-16 and 23 are allowed. Claims 24-27 are objected to. Claims 17-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Gray, U.S. Patent No. 6,651,432. In order to facilitate prosecution, rejected claims 17-22 are cancelled herein without prejudice and will be pursued in a continuation application. Claims 24-27 have been rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance in that only claims directed to allowable subject matter remain in the application. It is submitted that claims 1-16 and 23-27 are now in condition for allowance.

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